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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, NP

SUBJECT: RNAC CRASH

1. RNAC STOL AIRCRAFT (PILATUS PORTER) CRASHED SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF EARLY MORNING OF MARCH 31 NEAR KAHTMANDU AIRPORT KILLING ALL FIVE ABOARD, INCLUDING LADY LOUISE HILLARY AND DAUGHTER, BELINDA. AIRCRAFT WAS UNDER CHARTER TO HIMALAYAN TRUST AND WAS PART OF REGULAR PROGRAM TO FERRY EQUIPMENT TO HOSPITAL BEING CONSTRUCTED BY SIR EDMUND HILLARY AT PHAPHLU, SOUTH OF EVEREST REGION. PILOT RADIOED SHORTLY AFTER TAKE OFF THAT HE WAS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES AND FAILING ATTEMPT TO MAKE EMERGENCY LANDING, AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR FOOT OF NORTH END OF RUNWAY. FIRE, AS WELL AS INACCESSIBILITY OF AREA, MADE RESCUE IMPOSSIBLE.

2. IN ADDITION TO LADY HILLARY AND DAUGHTER, ALSO KILLED IN CRASH WERE NEW ZEALAND PILOT (PETER SAND) AND TWO OTHER PASSENGERS, U.S. CITIZEN MRS. A. G. LAMA (BARBARA) LAMA, TEACHER AT LINCOLN SCHOOL IN KATHMANDU, AND HER HUSBAND. NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN CABLE WILL FOLLOW SEPARATELY.

3. PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR LAISE OF LADY HILLARY'S DEATH.

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